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Anna Findley '09 takes the ball to the net during the NCAA DIII Final Four in Holland, Michigan. (Photo by Rob Kurtycz)

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BY Lawrence M. Schall

ONE OF THE WORDS HEARD OFTEN ON CAMPUS THESE DAYS IS ENGAGEMENT.

NO, OUR STUDENTS ARE NOT LINING UP TO MARRY TO EACH OTHER, AT LEAST NOT MORE THAN AT ANY OTHER TIME IN OGLETHORPE'S HISTORY. INSTEAD, THEY, ALONG WITH OUR FACULTY, STAFF AND ALUMNI ARE DEEPLY ENGAGED WITH SO MANY MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES, ON AND OFF CAMPUS. IT'S HARD TO KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN. HOW ABOUT OUR WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM WITH NO STARTER CLOSE TO SIX FEET TALL, REACHING THE FINAL FOUR? THE FINAL ESPN/USA TODAY POLL RANKS THE STORMY PETRELS SIXTH IN THE NATION. THESE YOUNG WOMEN ARE CLEARLY DEDICATED TO THEIR SPORT, BUT YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW HOW ENGAGED THE TEAM IS WITH LIFE OFF THE COURT, SERVING AS BIG SISTERS TO AN ENTIRE SIXTH GRADE CLASS AT DREVV CHARTER SCHOOL IN THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN ATLANTA AND HOLDING A COLLECTIVE GPA HIGHER THAN OUR STUDENT BODY.

**FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW,
OGLETHORPE WAS PLACED ON THE U.S.
PRESIDENT'S HIGHER EDUCATION
COMMUNITY SERVICE HONOR ROLL
BY THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL
AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.**

Dr. Peter Kower has engaged hundreds of students and visitors over the course of the spring every Thursday afternoon in his microfinance class. Dr. Kower, along with a team of Atlanta-based microfinance entrepreneurs led by businessman, philanthropist and founder of the Gray Ghost Microfinance Fund Robert Pattillo, offered what is certainly the finest undergraduate course in the country on this subject. The capstone of the seminar called for student teams to make real-life proposals for a microfinance project in a country of their choice, and thanks to Mr. Pattillo, the winners actually were given \$2,000 to invest.

Our alumnus Donald Rubin '56 is one of the most engaging people you will ever meet. Thanks to Don and the Donald and Shelley Rubin Foundation, Oglethorpe and the Rubin Museum of Art in New York have collaborated to open the first-ever branch gallery of the Rubin Museum in our own Oglethorpe University Museum of Art. "The partnership will make Oglethorpe University Museum of Art the go-to place for art from the Himalayan region," said Cathy Fox of The *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.

Last summer, four of our science and math faculty (Keith Aufderheide, Lynn Geiger, John Nardo and Mike Rulison) were invited to spend a week in Maine at the SENCER Institute. SENCER's mission is to connect science and civic engagement by teaching "through" complex, unresolved public issues "to" basic science, with a focus on interdisciplinary pedagogy. In early April, our faculty hosted a SENCER week on campus, with events that drew hundreds and next year our first SENCER course will become a reality. The topic? Traffic in Atlanta: what causes it, what are its consequences and how might we resolve it? Well, there's certainly an unresolved issue.

Alumni weekend engaged over 500 guests for several days. Dr. Brightman's alumni book club was a favorite, as always.

Dr. Paul Hudson's architectural tour of campus drew a crowd of close to 100 and every one of us learned something new. Did you know the first football game at Hermance Stadium preceded the Great Depression by 72 hours? Who would have known Oglethorpe could have that kind of effect on the world? Must have been some game. We celebrated the teaching careers of three of our most beloved faculty as they enter into retirement: Drs. Bohart, Brightman and Neujhar. So many of you came back just to say hello and thank you. APO turned 50 this year and we all celebrated that birthday. They say 50 is the new 30 and I can tell you APO is thriving these days buoyed by its partnership with our Center for Civic Engagement. Through the work of the center, hundreds of our students are engaged every day in the life of the Atlanta community and beyond. For the second year in a row, Oglethorpe was placed on the U.S. President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

And last, but certainly not least, one of our own, Dr. Stephen Herschler, has agreed to serve as Oglethorpe's next Provost. In addition to being an extraordinary teacher and scholar, Dr. Herschler has overseen the rebirth of Oglethorpe's Honors Program. Speaking of engaged, the enrollment in Honors courses has risen from less than 10 to over 60 in two short years. If you don't know Stephen, I promise you will enjoy meeting and hearing from him. Oglethorpe owes a huge thank you to Dr. William Shropshire who is retiring again. Bill came out of his first retirement two years ago to serve as provost and he returns to his basement to finish the boat-building project we interrupted. Thank you Bill and thank you Stephen.

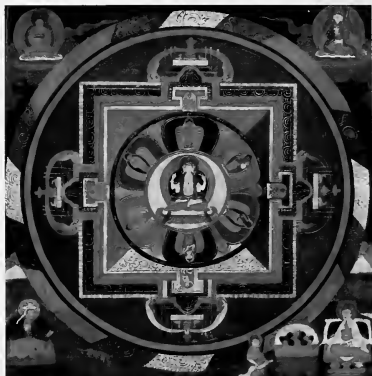
I want to congratulate the Oglethorpe University community on its engagement! Continue your meaningful work.



NEW YORK MUSEUM PARTNERS WITH OGLETHORPE

New York City's Rubin Museum of Art (RMA), co-founded by Donald Rubin '56, has established a partnership with the Oglethorpe University Museum of Art (OUMA). OUMA has created a third gallery space exclusively for traveling shows from RMA. Currently six exhibitions are scheduled to be produced in Atlanta, with hopes for many more.

Lord of Compassion: Images of Avalokiteshvara from the Rubin Museum of Art, the first exhibition from the partnership, ran from February 23 through May 11. Avalokiteshvara is considered the Buddhist embodiment of compassion and the patron deity of Tibet, as understood from the 12th to 19th centuries.



Mandala of Avalokiteshvara, Chaturbhuja (4 hands)
Tibet, 18th century, Pigment on cloth

SCHOLARSHIP WEEKEND A LARGE SUCCESS

Oglethorpe's annual James Edward Oglethorpe (JEO) Scholarship Weekend was held in late January. A total of 223 students, along with their parents and guests, visited campus for the weekend. The average GPA of the students was 3.86 and the average SAT score was 1470. Thanks to the university's partnership with a major airline, Oglethorpe was able to provide flights to Atlanta for 163 students and a guest for the weekend.

The weekend consisted of events such as interviews with faculty, staff and alumni and a bus tour of Atlanta followed by a dinner at a surprise location, Turner Field's 755 Club.

Oglethorpe offered five JEO, three Center for Civic Engagement and two Georgia Shakespeare scholarships, which each providing full tuition for four years. In addition, each student will have the choice to partake in a short-term study abroad trip or mini-semester in New York City, an internship with Georgia Shakespeare or an internship with the non-profit of their choice that they may pursue during their junior year. All competitors will be invited to enroll in an Honors seminar during their first semester at OU.

For fall 2008, more than 4,100 applications were received, nearly triple the number received for fall 2007.

(from top) Sarah Daniels and her father speak with Dan Schadler; students discuss a reading in Charlie Baube's seminar; Deonte Thomas and his father speak with President Schall.



Lyman Aldrich '38 returned to campus after 70 years for Alumni Weekend. Over the weekend, he participated in the Golden Petrel Brunch with the class of 1958 hosted by President Schall and his wife Betty Londergan. He enjoyed reuniting with his good friends Jeanette Bentley Moon '38 and Elmer George '40 during a luncheon hosted by Moon in his honor. Joining the Petrel luncheon was former Oglethorpe President Manning Pattillo and director of alumni relations, Barbara Bessmer Henry '85. Aldrich also spent time with O.K. Sheffield '53 whose brother E.O. Sheffield '41 was a classmate of Aldrich's in the 1930's and served with him in World War II in Europe. While Aldrich was in town, he established an endowed scholarship fund in honor of his father, Dr. John Aldrich, Dean of Oglethorpe's science department in the 1930's. Aldrich, a retired Western Michigan University professor and researcher, flew to Atlanta from his home in Lawrence, Kansas.

FOLLOW UP TO SUPER TUESDAY: A POLITICAL CONFERENCE

On February 6, the day after Super Tuesday, Oglethorpe's departments of history, politics and international studies organized a political conference on *The Future of Liberalism and Conservatism In and After 2008*. The conference featured keynote speaker Jonah Goldberg, a nationally syndicated columnist, *National Review* contributing editor and author of *Liberal Fascism*. Also, two roundtable discussions took place.

Other notable persons in attendance included: Peter Lawler (Berry College/*No Left Turns*), Jay Bookman (*The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*), Bryan McGraw (Emory University), Susan McWilliams (Pomona College), Matthew Franck (Radford University/*NRO's Bench Memos*), Eric Sands (Berry College), Alan Abramowitz (Emory University/*Daily Strategist*), Jay Cost (*Real Clear Politics*/Horse Race Blog) and Jon Schaff (Northern State University/South Dakota Politics).

OGLETHORPE DAY 2008

PAT CONROY, GUEST SPEAKER

It was a cold Wednesday in February, almost too cold. However, many Oglethorpe University faculty, staff and students found themselves wrapped together in the warmth of fellowship on the academic quadrangle, all wanting to see the nearly impossible done in the Petrels of Fire Race. The Lupton bell tower began its noon chime, and the crowd began inching its way forward to see if any of the four students – Brendan Pilger, Zeus Forero, Marcus Edwards or Luis Zimbron – could etch his name in Oglethorpe lore forever. As the bell tower began to ring, the runners were off. Hoping to make it around the academic quadrangle before the bell tower could conclude its toll (30.92 seconds), each runner started his sprint toward OU immortality. Unfortunately, no name could be etched into the Oglethorpe history books this day.

Next, the crowd made its way to the Conant Performing Arts Center to hear acclaimed author Pat Conroy deliver a keynote address. President Schall referred to Conroy as a "man of eloquent words," Conroy captivated the audience with his heartfelt humor and stories that could make anyone appreciate the day's purpose: to celebrate the life, legacy and values of James Edward Oglethorpe. Conroy left his mark on the crowd, declaring, "Try and teach the whole world how to dance."

He advised students to "remember your teachers. Teachers can change your life. This college can change your life. When you graduate, take Oglethorpe with you." At lunch time the crowd made its way to the Emerson Student Center where a Georgia-themed lunch was prepared in honor of the day. The spread was delicious and had a variety of some of the South's finest foods. There was everything from peach-bourbon barbecue chicken, butternut squash soup, sweet potato soufflé, braised turnip greens and Coca-Cola cupcakes. It was the perfect ending to a perfect Oglethorpe Day.

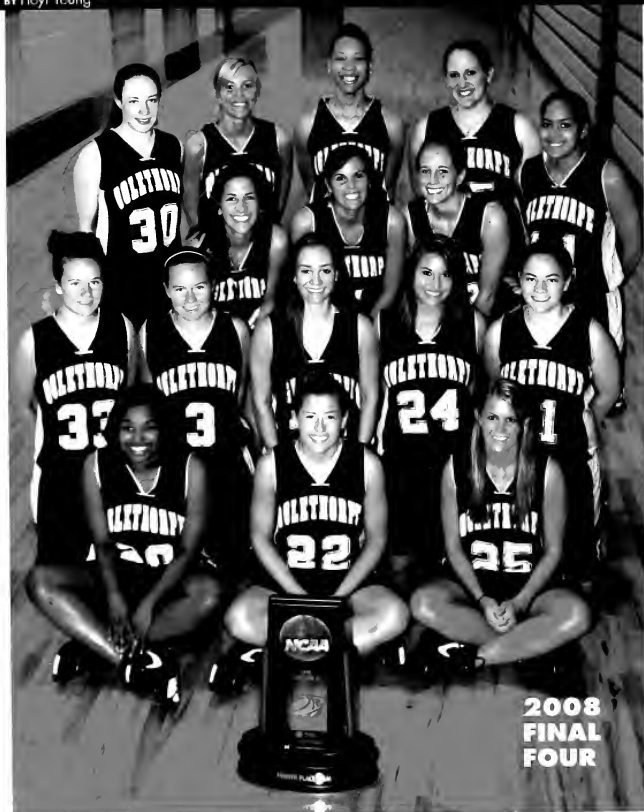


Conroy signs a set of his works for Elizabeth Cleary, who will enter Oglethorpe this fall, and her mother, Linda Cleary. Cleary was named Oglethorpe's first Pat Conroy Scholar.



BASKETBALL TEAMS POST RECORD SEASONS

BY Hoyt Young



BOTH THE OGLETHORPE UNIVERSITY MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAMS FINISHED THE 2007-2008 SEASONS IN STYLE WITH THE MEN POSTING THEIR BEST RECORD SINCE THE 1993-94 SEASON AND THE WOMEN ADVANCING ALL THE WAY TO THE FINAL FOUR, THE HIGHEST WOMEN'S SEASON FINISH IN OGLETHORPE ATHLETIC HISTORY.

**2008
FINAL
FOUR**



Clockwise from top left: Oglethorpe fans came out in force at Hope College in Holland, Michigan, for the semifinals. Coach Ron Sattelle speaks with the team during a timeout. The women celebrate their fourth place win. Hannah Brooks '09 and Brittany Corbett '08 carry the trophy home. Katie Kulavic '09 looks to pass the ball at the semifinals.

MEN'S SEASON

Head coach Phil Ponder was extremely pleased with his team's performance this season. Employing a group that featured five of their top eight players as either freshmen or sophomores, the Petrels posted a stout 10-4 performance in Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference play and a stellar 16-10 record, good for third place overall. The Petrels were led by the strong post play of graduating senior Ahmad Kareem Shaheed and brilliant outside shooting by classmate Craig Jackson. The remaining contributors are composed of a group of extremely talented freshmen and sophomores which has coach Ponder thrilled about the 2008-09 campaign.

WOMEN SIXTH IN THE NATION

Head coach Ron Sattelle once again guided Oglethorpe to a record breaking season. This time, the 2007-08 Stormy Petrels broke their own record set in the 2006-07 campaign for wins in a season by posting an astonishing 27-7 record to shatter the previous wins mark of 21.

Oglethorpe had successive stirring Saturday night wins in the NCAA Tournament over previously undefeated and #3 ranked Thomas More College and #6 ranked Kean University. Both of these wins came on the opponents' home floor and the win over Kean saw junior Anna Findley nearly eclipse the school record, held by Heather Francoeur '03, for points in a regulation game with 44 remarkable points to lift Oglethorpe to the Final Four.

**“THESE STUDENT-ATHLETES
TRULY STRENGTHEN THE
OGLETHORPE BRAND.”**

In Holland, Michigan, for the semifinals, Oglethorpe lost games to Messiah and Wisconsin-Whitewater, but held on to the number four spot in DI II women's hoops. A D3hoops.com post-season coaches poll gave Oglethorpe its highest ranking in school history at #6, a jump from the pre-season poll which placed Oglethorpe at #24.

“I don't know that you could really call us a Cinderella story (because) we didn't think it was too far-fetched to believe we could make it this far,” said freshman Chelsea MacDonald. “But in some ways, it is pretty incredible because we're such a small school.”

The 2007-08 season held too many highlights to include in this space but among them - junior guard Katie Kulavic was named the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Player of the Year (POTY). She's the first POTY winner for Oglethorpe since Francoeur accomplished the same feat in 2002. Junior Tina Grace was named to the All-Tournament Team for her work in the NCAA Semifinals, scoring a game-high 21 points against Messiah College.

“The girls got hot at the right time,” said coach Ron Sattelle. “As Oglethorpe was represented in Kentucky, New Jersey and Holland, Michigan, you should be very proud of these girls. On and off the court, these are great girls - and they perform well. These student-athletes truly strengthen the Oglethorpe brand.”

With all players except senior Brittany Corbett returning next fall, coach Sattelle and the remainder of the women's basketball staff will be eyeing another trip to the Final Four in spring 2009.



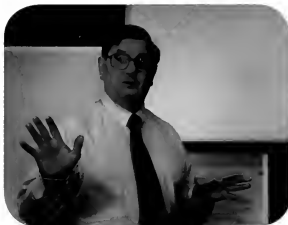
MUSIC APPRECIATION

by Mark DeLong '03

JAMES BOHART GREW UP SURROUNDED BY MUSIC. "MY MOM WAS ONE OF THE BEST BOOGIE-WOOGIE PIANO PLAYERS, AND DAD PLAYED THE TROMBONE. THAT WASN'T WHAT EITHER OF THEM DID FOR A LIVING BUT THAT'S WHAT THEY ENJOYED."

His mother, a one-room schoolhouse teacher for K-12, and his father, who worked for Chicago Northwest Railroad, instilled an appreciation for music in all of their children. Bohart and his sisters practiced – and often studied – music in their youth. Growing up in Rochelle, Illinois, Bohart was a trumpet player through high school. It was during that time he formed a 17-piece jazz band with friends. "We'd play an 8:00-11:00 p.m. prom, then an after party from midnight until 2:00 a.m.," he recalled. "That's how I earned money for college." And the pay? "\$5 [per person] for the first hour, \$2.50 for each additional."

After earning his bachelor's and master's in music from Northern Illinois University, Bohart began his teaching career in Illinois. In 1971 he joined the Oglethorpe faculty part time, becoming full time the following year. "I started playing the carillon bells the day I was hired," he said. During his tenure, musical ensembles under his direction were invited to perform for a Georgia Music Educators Association (GMEA) convention, for state and divisional American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) conventions and on a European tour.



Clockwise from lower left: Bohart conducting at Sydney Town Hall where the Choral Guild of Atlanta was the only American choir invited to sing in pre-Olympic events in 2000. Bohart in class. Neujahr. Brightman and Bohart are recognized for their years of service during Alumni Weekend. Bohart in his office-classroom.

For more than 35 years Bohart, who retired at the end of the 2007-08 academic year as professor of music, spread an appreciation of music from his combination office-classroom in Hearst Hall. Through the years his space became a vast musical library, containing the complete recordings of Italian opera singer Enrique Caruso, among countless others. "Most of these will never go to CD or won't be available for download," Bohart said, reviewing the collection. "And there are historical concerts here too."

"My interactions with students are what has kept me young. I was thinking of all the students I've had in my classroom over the 36 years and how many of them still stay in touch," he said. "A number of Oglethorpe students sang with me in the Choral Guild of Atlanta," a group Bohart directed for 10 years and, he noted proudly, "the only American choir invited to perform in Sydney for the pre-Olympics in 2000. We sold out the Sydney town hall, and they wouldn't let us leave. We did three encores that evening."

Bohart also produced and directed Rich's Lighting of the Great Tree at their downtown store for 20 years. "It was the finest community event in the world," he said, "and not just because I was a part of it. Over 100,000 people came downtown, and they never had anything stolen from the store. It was Rich's gift to the people of Atlanta. I even had the White House call me to ask how it was so successful."

Of his community involvement Bohart said, "I just see it as an extension of what I do in the classroom. I had students ushering at the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra so they could hear the music. I worked with the

"I enjoy Oglethorpe because of the academic integrity of the faculty, the generous help of the staff and the very diverse student body - diverse in the good sense of the word, not the politically correct sense," Bohart said.

“THE WORD ‘EDUCATION’ COMES FROM THE LATIN EDUCARE, WHICH MEANS TO DRAW OUT. THAT PRETTY WELL SUMS UP MY 45 YEARS OF TEACHING.”

ASO on their educational outreach efforts to bring more students to their concerts."

His community involvement extended into his courses, where he required students to experience live performances and encouraged them to interact with musicians. "I do not lecture," Bohart replied when asked about his teaching method. "The word education comes from the Latin educare, which means to draw out. That pretty well sums up my 45 years of teaching."

"My courses aren't just about dead white men," he said with a laugh. "I'm extremely pleased that I've been able to share women composers in all of my courses. Students are absolutely shocked at the real gifts women composers have given to us as a culture."

In his retirement, Bohart plans to build his model railroad collection, honoring his father and grandfather, who both worked for Chicago Northwestern, but he'll also leave time for music. He began singing with the Cobb Symphony Chorus this spring and will assist with a music program in the Cobb County Schools. He promised not to be a stranger to Oglethorpe, either.

"This university has been extremely good to me and my family," he said, "and that's something I'll never forget."

Editor's Note: Professors Philip Neujahr (Philosophy) and William Brightman (English) also retired at the end of academic year 2007-08.



ECONOMIC
EMPOWERMENT



BY Mark DeLong '03

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

UNIQUE COURSE SHINES A LIGHT ON POVERTY

MICROFINANCE — THE CONCEPT OF EVERYDAY PEOPLE LOANING SMALL AMOUNTS OF MONEY TO SUPPORT THE ENTREPRENEURIAL EFFORTS OF OTHERS, OFTEN THOSE LIVING IN POVERTY — IS GAINING MOMENTUM. THOUGH THE CONCEPT HAS BEEN AROUND FOR DECADES IT ONLY BECAME A VIABLE COMMERCIAL INDUSTRY IN 2005. THE TERM APPEARS WITH GREATER FREQUENCY IN MAINSTREAM MEDIA WHILE THE CONCEPT GROWS IN POPULARITY.

ENT

THE WORLD BANK ESTIMATES THAT THERE ARE NOW OVER 2,000 MICROFINANCE INSTITUTIONS, SERVING SOME 16 MILLION POOR PEOPLE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE TOTAL CASH TURNOVER OF MFIS WORLD-WIDE IS ESTIMATED AT \$2.5 BILLION AND THE POTENTIAL FOR NEW GROWTH IS OUTSTANDING.



The "field" photos are of Robert Pattillo in the Middle East.

“I WAS SHOCKED TO DISCOVER A WOMAN IN THE VILLAGE, BORROWING LESS THAN A DOLLAR FROM THE MONEY-LENDER, ON THE CONDITION THAT HE WOULD HAVE THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO BUY ALL SHE PRODUCES AT THE PRICE HE DECIDES. THIS, TO ME, WAS A WAY OF RECRUITING SLAVE LABOR.”

— DR. MUHAMMAD YUNUS

The nonprofit microfinance website Kiva.org, founded in 2005, has coordinated close to \$25 million in loans from more than a quarter of a million lenders. The company has been featured in *Fortune*, *TIME*, *The Economist*, *The Financial Times* and *Cosmopolitan* (yes, even *Cosmo* is touting this new form of philanthropy).

“While microfinance is not a panacea it is one of the few development programs that really affects the very poor,” said Oglethorpe Assistant Professor of Economics Peter Kower. He gave an example from Dr. Muhammad Yunus *Banker to the Poor* of a woman who crafted stools from bamboo shoots. Before receiving a microfinance loan she borrowed from a middleman who charged exorbitant interest rates and took her final products to market, leaving her with pennies for her work. Through microfinance, she was able to sell her own stools and make a greater profit to support her family through improved nutrition, healthcare and education.

RARE IN THE CLASSROOM

Even with more people reading and talking about microfinance, it is still rare to find an academic course exclusively dedicated to the subject, much less at the undergraduate level. Kower embraced the concept, however, teaching two courses this spring — Seminar on Microfinance and Social Investing and an Honors Seminar: Microfinance and the Poor. Both courses are based on the teachings of 2006’s Nobel Peace Prize winner, Dr. Muhammad Yunus.

Thirty-five students, including a few from Agnes Scott and Emory, enrolled in the courses to learn more about this growing trend. Both seminars were supplemented by guest lecturers; the Social Investing students presented proposals on how to invest \$5 million in social enterprise at

the Symposium in the Liberal Arts and Sciences in April.


“The course is rooted in economics,” Kower said, “but it gives the students a better idea of the depth and scope of poverty and provides possible solutions as well as some responsibility for the issue. I hope students will take action after this course, whether that’s investing or working with one of these organizations.”

“Peter has taught the economic principles while integrating guest speakers. We’ve been really pleased too that people in the community have been coming [to the lectures] on a regular basis,” said President Lawrence M. Schall.

“Economics provides a different perspective and different tools for problem solving,” Kower noted. “It allows us to leap over the initial shock of asset allocation — nutrition, healthcare and education, which are disproportionately given to males — and understand the constraints of the situation, dealing with scarcity — limited supply with unlimited demands.”

The Social Investing course was developed in partnership with Gray Ghost Ventures, run by Robert Pattillo (no relation to former Oglethorpe President Manning Pattillo). During a breakfast meeting at Waffle House, President Schall was introduced to Pattillo. In no time, the two began talking about microfinance and Gray Ghost.

“I thought he was a fascinating man making an immense difference in the lives of others,” Schall said. The two continued the conversation every few weeks at Waffle House, where Schall repeatedly eats the All-Star Plate. Noting Pattillo’s passion for microfinance, one day Schall asked if he ever thought about teaching.



“GRAY GHOST IS VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT WHAT THEY DO. THEY WANT TO HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD, AND OUR STUDENTS REPRESENT THAT TO THEM.”

— DR. PETER KOWER

Last semester Oglethorpe's Dr. Peter Kower taught the only undergraduate course on microfinance being offered in the country, Special Topics in Economics: Seminar on Microfinance and Social Investing. Born of a unique collaboration between Atlanta-based Gray Matters Capital and Oglethorpe University, the course brought microfinance leaders to OU.

"The personal narratives and different perspectives of outside speakers, academics and parishioners were inspirational to the students. There's something magical about engaging with those who are passionate about something larger than themselves — the world's two billion extremely poor. The format of the course also allowed students with diverse backgrounds to teach each other as they applied theory to solve a real problem," said Kower.

Through lectures and interactive seminars students gained insight into the causes and scope of poverty, examined the role of microfinance and explored underlying theories around economic development. The class culminated in a final service learning project where students interacted with individual micro-lenders and micro-enterprises and developed a proposal of how to invest \$5 million in a microfinance institution or social enterprise. The winning team was awarded \$2,000 by Robert Petillo, founder of the Gray Ghost Fund and Gray Matters Capital, to invest toward that end. Kendra Billings, a rising junior, noted that "this class taught us how to use microfinance to alleviate poverty in an unusually hands-on way. It provided us with the tools to use our education not just to get a job somewhere down the line, but to make the world a better place."

The seedees pictured throughout this article are from Mtsila Village in South Africa.

by Judy Stephenson '13



DEMAND FOR MICROFINANCE SERVICES IS ESTIMATED TO REACH NEARLY 600 MILLION PEOPLE BY 2010, BUT LACK OF CAPITAL MEANS ONLY ABOUT A THIRD OF THEM CAN BE SERVED.



Dr. Mohammad Yunus, 2006 Nobel Prize for Peace winner, originated

microfinance practices; Jody Stephenson '03 works with Children of the Nations (COTN); Robert Pattillo, Gray Ghost Ventures; Astrid Pregel, President of Feminomics; Robert Pattillo lecturing at Oglethorpe.



"I trusted him," Pattillo said. "I had never done it before, so it was a leap of faith for me." Pattillo was more than happy to help develop a course. "It's been fun."

Pattillo's passion for microfinance comes in part from his family's history. His father attended Georgia Tech thanks to a loan from a family friend. When his father went to repay the loan, the lender said "Don't pay me back, but pay for the education of others." Now, at age 82, the elder Pattillo has paid for over 2,000 students to attend college, including a recent handful at Oglethorpe.

"In my family, community service has always been an important part of who we are," noted Pattillo, who has been involved in microfinance for more than 10 years.

"Gray Ghost is a quiet player, but a big player," Schall noted. "They got very interested in educating students who might pursue this as a career, and our students are interested in it. They are committed to educate the next generation of leaders and our students have responded with amazing enthusiasm."

Kower said, "Gray Ghost is very passionate about what they do. They want to have an impact on the future of the world, and our students represent that to them."

THE SOCIAL SIDE OF MICROFINANCE

Guest lecturers have discussed financial market development, the role of the investor, micro-enterprise in the U.S. and how microfinance relates to gender, health and education. They have come from a range of organizations, including CARE, Women Advancing Microfinance, The Ohio State University and Children of the Nations (COTN), where Jody Stephenson '03 has worked since graduating.

Stephenson, an accounting major, spent a year after graduation working in Malawi developing an accounting system for the COTN programs there. Though she is based in Florida, she travels regularly to Africa and the Dominican Republic in

addition to organizing trips for students and others as Children of the Nations's internship director. She recently began documenting the stories of the active women who benefit from microlending and shared a few stories with Kower's students when she spoke in February.

"It's so important to document the social side of microfinance, rather than strictly the business side. It's important to see the people and to hear their stories," Stephenson said. "These women have such determination and they are working so hard in order to care for their children. To see these women, and their children, advancing from seemingly hopeless situations is incredible."

Stephenson described a scene she saw earlier this year in Malawi. "There was a sea of children sitting on the hard dirt ground, dusty faces, barefoot, torn clothing hanging off their bodies and empty plastic bowls in their hands. Looking at the whole, it was nearly impossible to identify any one of them as more desperate than the others," she described. "I saw a young girl, about nine years old, in the crowd trying to manage her crying baby sister."

Through a translator, the little girl shared her story with Stephenson and the COTN staff member. "Their father left and the mother could not provide for her daughters. She was sending her two daughters to share that one meal each day from the feeding program with her baby sister. One meal, two hungry children."

"An easy way to help is to sponsor a child, even though it can seem so trite," Stephenson said when asked what people can do. "I've been doing this for five years and have seen the difference it makes in their lives. For the cost of seeing a movie you can provide everything a child needs — nutrition, clothing, healthcare and education."

"Another easy way to help is to collect new or like-new items such as hygiene products, school supplies or clothing. It would be a great project for a fraternity or sorority on

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— JODY STEPHENSON '03



campus," she continued. "They can also volunteer. Or people can come with us. We send about 1,000 people per year overseas to see for themselves. Taking two weeks, getting your hands dirty, talking to the women, working with the kids... What better way to experience it? It's amazing what you can learn in a two-week trip."

"When you go back so many times, you begin to see the people more than just the situation," Stephenson said of her often on-the-go job. "That's what motivates me to continue my work. Poverty is a huge issue but after five years, it becomes about the people, working with 'my children' and seeing how they develop — not just the idea of eradicating poverty."

"It's continuously humbling to work with these women and children," she said. "As Americans, we often think it's about what we have, what we can give or how we can solve Africa's problem. But, then you meet these people and realize that they have so much to teach us — even the children. I remember seeing one of our little girls come in, and her only request was for a bar of soap. Then, four years later she is standing wearing clean clothes, with clean skin and beautiful hair. My greatest reward comes in seeing these children grow up. For them to understand that someone cares for them, to see their own worth and to see them transformed is a powerful thing."

IN THE BEGINNING

The practice of making small loans to the poor, especially to women, was first developed by Dr. Mohammad Yunus. He shared the 2006 Nobel Prize for Peace with Bangladesh's Grameen Bank, which Yunus founded in 1983, "for their efforts to create economic and social development from below." Yunus, educated at Dhaka University in Bangladesh and Vanderbilt University, believes that "credit is a fundamental human right," according to The Nobel Foundation.

In his Nobel Lecture, Yunus recounted how he got into microfinance: *I became involved because poverty was all around me, and I could not turn away from it. In 1974, I found it difficult to teach elegant theories of economics in the university classroom, in the backdrop of a terrible famine in Bangladesh. Suddenly, I felt the emptiness of those theories in the face of crushing hunger and poverty. I wanted*

to do something immediate to help people around me, even if it was just one human being, to get through another day with a little more ease. That brought me face to face with poor people's struggle to find the tiniest amounts of money to support their efforts to eke out a living. I was shocked to discover a woman in the village, borrowing less than a dollar from the money-lender, on the condition that he would have the exclusive right to buy all she produces at the price he decides. This, to me, was a way of recruiting slave labor.

I decided to make a list of the victims of this money-lending "business" in the village next door to our campus.

When my list was done, it had the names of 42 victims who borrowed a total amount of US \$27. I offered US \$27 from my own pocket to get these victims out of the clutches of those money-lenders. The excitement that was created among the people by this small action got me further involved in it. If I could make so many people so happy with such a tiny amount of money, why not do more of it?

This experience led him to found Grameen Bank, which to date has provided loans totaling nearly \$6 billion to more than 7 million people in 73,000 villages in Bangladesh.

AN END TO POVERTY?

"It is our responsibility," Stephenson, of Children of the Nation, said about working to reduce world poverty. "Working together we can see the change in our lifetime. I believe it was Colin Powell who said the war on terror is the war on poverty. [Microfinance] will only continue to grow. Teaching students is the primary way we're going to see major change."

Pattillo and Schall hope to continue their partnership. "We agreed to sit down and think about the next steps, which would meet both of our needs," Schall said as the semester came to a close. "We need to move this class forward and not have it be a one-time thing. It went better than we both could have imagined."

Professor Kower noted "the realities and the theories [of microfinance] mesh so well" that it's easy for people to understand the concept. Now they just need to put theory to practice.

A November 2007 article in *Atlanta Business Chronicle* noted that Atlanta-based UPS was essentially founded as a microfinance endeavor in 1907 when Jim Crispy began a messenger delivery company on a borrowed \$100. In that same article Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke states the reasoning for microfinance: "The fundamental purpose of microfinance programs remains the same: to offer small loans and other financial services to low-income people to help them increase their incomes through entrepreneurship and self-employment."

LINKS

ROCKDALE FOUNDATION (ROCKDALEFDN.ORG)
CHILDREN OF THE NATION (COTN.ORG)
MICROPLACE (MICROPLACE.COM)
KIVA (KIVA.ORG)



The men of APO from the 1959 Yumacraw.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IS A PHRASE THAT BUZZES THROUGH THE AIR WITHIN AND BEYOND THE GATES OF OGLETHORPE. THE CENTER FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, ESTABLISHED IN 2006, HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT ADDITION TO THE UNIVERSITY, GIVING STUDENTS AND FACULTY ALIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN LIFE LESSONS OUTSIDE THE IRON GATES AND GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. BUT, AS ANTHONY "TONY" PAREDES '61 NOTES, "AT OGLETHORPE, AND ON CAMPUSES ACROSS THE NATION, BEFORE THERE WAS 'CIVIC ENGAGEMENT' THERE WAS ALPHA PHI OMEGA."

In October 1956, Alpha Phi Omega at Oglethorpe was organized, but not yet chartered, as the Mu Mu chapter. Paredes, Ted Bayley '58 and John Harms '58 were among the early members. All three returned to campus in March for Alumni Weekend's APO 50th anniversary reunion at Oglethorpe, which included a re-chartering ceremony for brothers of Mu Mu.

Almost all of the early members were Humanities students, a program that prepared students for professional careers dealing with youth. A majority of the Humanities students desired to become executives with the Boy Scouts. At the time of the chapter initiation, an affiliation with the Boy Scouts was in full swing. "APO was the college and university arm of Scouting, so it was natural for us to start the organization," said Harms.

The first service project that was completed by Oglethorpe's APO organizers was painting lines in one of the school's parking lots in November 1956. In February 1958, the organized chapter of APO at Oglethorpe became officially chartered as the Mu Mu chapter, with Jan Mundorf '60 as the president. Past national president M.R. Disbrough was in attendance for the inauguration.

During the 1960s, APO began a traditional process of choosing a "sweetheart." However, once social fraternities returned to Oglethorpe, the "sweetheart" tradition seemed to fade away. The sweethearts selected were Mary Lou Andersen in 1962, Jayne Archer in 1963, Jane Lincoln in 1964, Diane Ottowitz in 1966, Terry Patton and Janice Lymburner in 1967, Melanie Miller in 1969 and Charlyne Rickmann in 1970. The tradition never returned to Mu Mu.

In the early 1970s the thriving group became dilapidated, but in 1975 the service fraternity blossomed again. During the same year, Mu Mu became the first chapter in Georgia to admit women. In 1982, Mu Mu hosted APO's All-Georgia Conference.



Be a leader. Be a friend. Be of service. Alpha Phi Omega's motto has been fruitfully carried out by the Mu Mu chapter of OU. During its 50-year streak at Oglethorpe, the brothers of the fraternity have completed numerous projects on and off campus. Some of these include coordinating blood drives, providing basketball game programs, making Thanksgiving baskets for the needy, mentoring at Lynwood Park, working with handicapped children, leading Cub Scout groups, assisting with Hurricane Katrina rescue efforts and volunteering with many organizations such as Meals on Wheels, Goodwill Industries, Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics and many more.

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(top) Ted Bayley '58, Tony Paredes '61 and John Harms '58 hold the original Mu Mu charter and the chapter's 50th anniversary plaque presented to the chapter at the National Alumni Association's awards dinner, part of Alumni Weekend. (bottom) The men and women of APO from the 1984 Yamacraw.

TODAY, ALPHA PHI OMEGA HAS MORE THAN 17,000 MALE AND FEMALE STUDENT MEMBERS AND 350,000 ALUMNI MEMBERS AT 366 COLLEGE CAMPUSES NATIONWIDE AND IN PUERTO RICO.



Clockwise from left: APO members, from 1958-2008, gathered to celebrate the chapter's 50th anniversary. Stephanie Staples Babbitt '84 and Donna Passaro '82 look over chapter scrapbooks. Bayley, Paredes, Joy Schambach '08 and Harms with the original charter and anniversary plaque.



APO has also completed fundraisers for charities such as the American Red Cross, Muscular Dystrophy and American Cancer Society, including car washes and walkathons. One of the chapter's most unique fundraisers was the "Ugly Man on Campus." In spring 1959, this fundraiser was held in order to help the Cross Keys High School library receive accreditation.

Paredes said of Ugly Man, "Sadly, I suppose it was some kind of 'political correctness' that did in what was the most widely recognizable and notable fundraising campaign for which APO was known on college campuses across the nation."

Many notable people have arisen from Mu Mu. John Harms '58 was one of two members of his 135-man "Basic Class" in the U.S. Marine Corps to receive the Colonel position. He is now retired. Ted Bayley '58 is currently a minister. Penny Jones '61, Bill Christian '59 and Whitney LeBlanc '61 have become Boy Scout executives. Laura "Mom" Fowler '84 is a current chapter advisor and a Grants Management Specialist for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Heather Staniszewski '02 is currently the assistant director of Oglethorpe's Center for Civic Engagement. Mu Mu has also produced numerous members who have received their Ph.D.s and continued on to respectable careers. Some of these members include the late Bob Loftin '60 (philosophy), Jan Mundorf '60 and Ronnie Knopf '61 (psychology), Joe Soldati '61 (English literature), Derrill Gay '62 (sociology) and Anthony "Tony" Paredes '61 (anthropology).

The Mu Mu chapter has received several prestigious awards during its 50 years of existence. It won the Deans' Award in 1980-81, the National H. Roe Bartle chapter award in 2004-05,

the National Joe Scanlon Membership Award in 2005-06 and the Best Service Program and the Best Membership Program awards in 2007.

Today, Alpha Phi Omega has more than 17,000 male and female student members and 350,000 alumni members at 366 college campuses nationwide and in Puerto Rico.

"At the rate that APO is growing, I see it still having a strong presence on the Oglethorpe campus in 50 years, growing and changing as the times change," said student Chelsey Kendig about the 100th anniversary reunion of Mu Mu.

"The most amazing thing to me about the 50th was the passion APO alumni still have for the fraternity," said Amanda Rowell, a spring 2008 pledge. "People who were 60, 70-something, showing up and being just as excited as they were when they were freshmen at Oglethorpe. I hope that we can all keep that passion throughout our lives and come back 50 years from now and walk in the room and say, 'Hooray, I'm home again!' Hopefully tons of people will be there and the room will be packed with APO memories from years past."

SINGING THE PRAISE OF OGLETHORPE'S EVENING DEGREE PROGRAM

by Mark DeLong '03

CAMILLA CRUIKSHANK '93 BEGAN TO WRITE AFTER ENROLLING IN EVENING COURSES AT OGLETHORPE. "I HAD A TEACHER FOR COMPOSITION I IN 1987," SHE SAYS WITH A SMILE. "HE WAS SO MEAN. THERE WERE 25 OF US IN THE CLASS WHEN IT STARTED AND 12 WHEN IT ENDED... BUT HE TOLD ME I WOULD SEE MY NAME IN PRINT." SINCE THEN SHE HAS WRITTEN FOR ATLANTA MAGAZINE AND AMERICA'S CIVIL WAR MAGAZINE, AMONG OTHERS. "THAT'S WHY IT WAS SO IMPORTANT FOR ME TO RETURN TO THIS PROGRAM TO TEACH."

"I later took a journalism course. The professor said if you get your article published you'd get an automatic A." So she did: the profile, which ran in *Inside Buckhead*, was of a high school music teacher who inspired her during her school days.

Camilla lights up when music is mentioned. (She no longer sings formally, but works as a music administrator at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church.) Oglethorpe's evening program is another subject that excites Camilla.

"This school, it just offers something that no other school of this merit does...I always think the professors are very impressive; they come from the background of what they teach. The students [in the evening program] work hard - they have jobs, they have families. If you're serious you'll knock yourself out for it."

While working in "corporate America" as a secretary and office manager, Camilla decided to earn her bachelor's in English through Oglethorpe's evening program. She went on to obtain a Master of Arts in Professional Writing from Kennesaw State University in 2001 and began teaching evening courses.

Now when she teaches Composition II in Oglethorpe's evening degree program, writing a profile is the first assignment. "I make sure they polish it up," she says, "and I encourage them to get it published in a local paper or even the student papers (the traditional program's *The Stormy Petrel* or the evening program's *The Night Cap*)."

"I always tell my students that, in an interview, you may go in there for one thing and not get it. Follow people when they light up - don't force them."

"I love teaching," Camilla states. "I love my students. The feedback I get from them is wonderful, and it's great to see them succeed in other courses because of their writing skills."



Camilla Cruikshank '93



TIMELINE OF ADULT EDUCATION AT OGLETHORPE

1870 Oglethorpe opens its first Atlanta campus at the site of today's City Hall. President David Willis, a prominent Presbyterian minister, organizes the evening program at Oglethorpe. These are the first evening classes in Georgia. • **1920s** After the current campus was established in 1915, evening students return to Oglethorpe. • **1936 - 38** Headed by Dean Herman Julius Gaertner, the Extension Division in 1936 consists of 163 students. The program caters to teachers. In 1937, the program is referred to as Adult Education. • **1939** Gaertner assumes new duties as director of graduate school and adult education. The program is still tied to teaching because "we are rapidly approaching the time when college graduation will be required as a minimum for the professions." Courses cost \$25 each. • **1940s - 1950s** The Evening Program seems to have been closed down during World War II. • **1963** The Evening Program returns under Director Louis J. Maloof. Courses cost \$65 each. • **1964** Classes are held Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday evenings on a semester schedule. Courses cost \$80 each. • **1969** Oglethorpe's Evening Program is supplemented by a non-credit continuing education program. • **1976** Marlene Howard is director of continuing education, overseeing both credit and non-credit courses. Courses cost \$150 each. • **1978 - 1984** Carl V. Hodges becomes dean of continuing education. Marlene Howard is named associate dean of continuing education. • **1985 - 1998** John Thomas serves as dean of continuing education. The evening program offers four majors. • **1998** University College is founded with credit courses running in the current eight-week accelerated format. Non-credit courses are no longer offered. • **2003 - 2005** Karen Carter is director of University College. Courses cost \$975 each. • **2005** Nancy Keita is named director of University College. Courses cost \$1,025 each. • **2006** University College is renamed Evening Degree Program. The program currently offers six majors and two degrees. Courses cost \$1,075 each.

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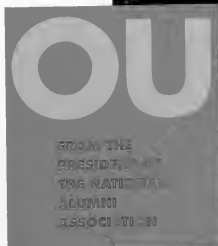
Ruth Winecker '87, chief toxicologist for the State of North Carolina, spoke to Dr. Keith Aufderheide's Forensic Science class in February. Winecker, who has worked for the state for 12 years, reviewed her office's procedures and discussed sample cases with students. She noted that drug deaths are up from an average of 250 per year historically to almost 2,000 per year in the 2000s, including a sharp rise in cocaine and narcotic deaths. Winecker told the students that her education at Oglethorpe has served her well over the years.

Melissa "Missy" Bain '04 MAT, a second grade teacher at Mount Bethel Elementary in Marietta, was named 2007 Green School Teacher of the Year by Cobb County. Bain persuaded her fellow teachers to develop environmental lesson plans and encouraged the PTA to pay for recycling pick up at the school. "It is easy being green when you have a supportive staff, administration and PTA," Bain noted. "Our school really is committed to instilling a sense of environmentalism in our students." She stresses to her students that recycling or conservation are not just topics to learn, but rather life-long practices. "After we teach a lesson, the kids can immediately go home and do things like turning off the faucet while they brush their teeth and turning off lights when they leave a room," Bain said.



Captain Joseph Wicker '00 spoke to Dr. Joseph Knippenberg's class in October when he was in town on leave from his second tour in Iraq. After graduation, he worked in business before signing up for active duty after the attacks of September 11, 2001. Wicker first served in Operation Iraqi Freedom as a tank platoon leader and a scout platoon leader. In his second tour, he is an advisor for the Iraqi Security Forces in Baghdad.





Greetings! In this issue, you'll note Pat Conroy's visit for OU Day, you'll learn about the new Rubin Museum partnership, and you'll see the results of JEO Weekend. What you also need to know is that thanks to you, our alumni, we have seen increased attendance at our alumni events and increased alumni giving.

In December, the Events Committee of the OU Alumni Board exceeded everyone's expectations in the alumni reception — "Evening of Holiday Enchantment" — held prior to the Boar's Head Ceremony. If you attended, you know what I mean — food and fellowship, visits with our own Santa Claus and carriage rides around campus. If you did not attend, you need to mark your calendar now for next year! We were so excited at the number of people who attended — especially those alumni who had not been back to campus for quite some time. We hope this becomes a growing holiday tradition for alumni and their families.

We've just finished Alumni Weekend — the annual opportunity to reconnect with our OU friends. We kicked off the weekend with our annual alumni awards dinner at Villa Christina — as picturesque a restaurant as the food is good! Saturday we were back on campus, attending classes and receptions before we got out there to "Stomp the Lawn!" Kudos once again to the Events Committee and to the Alumni Relations staff for all their hard work.

During Alumni Weekend, we also held elections for officers and new board members to serve on the OU National Alumni Association Board of Directors. See election results on ePetrel — www.alumni.oglethorpe.edu. Congratulations to all, and thank you for agreeing to serve! I look forward to continuing to serve you in 2008 as we work together to strengthen Oglethorpe University as the place to "make a life, make a living and make a difference!"

Anita Stevenson Patterson '97
President
OU National Alumni Association

FUTURE PETRELS



Laurie Lee Deally '86, husband Oswin and daughter Olivia celebrated the one year anniversary of welcoming their little boy Edison.



Lisa Chkoreff Duncan '90 and Walter Duncan introduce their son, Corbin Patrick Duncan, born November 30, 2005.



Tracy Larson Miller '92 and husband Michael announce the birth of their second daughter Mikalya Tracy on March 3, 2007, exactly four and a half years to the day that proud older sister McKinley was born.

Cheryl Zdunek Michels '93 announces the arrival of their third child, Harris Anthony Michels, born on November 20, 2007. His big sisters Greta and Eila are in love, and he is referred to as Prince Harry.



Jill Reiss Harper '94 and her husband Scott are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, August Jack Harper, on June 24, 2007. Big sister Alice is very proud of her new baby brother.



Lisa Ledbetter Travis '94 and **Andy Travis '95** welcome their second child, Max Ewing, who was born on May 21, 2007, and joins big sister Mia. Lisa and

Andy recently celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary. Lisa is a marketing director with a large corporate law firm, and Andy is a landman with an oil and gas company. They reside in Charleston, West Virginia.



Amy Zickus Estes '94, '02 MBA and her husband Will welcomed their first child, Joshua William, on November 17, 2007. Joshua weighed in at 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 21.5 inches long. Amy has left her position as director of development and public relations with United Cerebral Palsy of Georgia and is enjoying being a full-time mom. Will is a systems administrator with Vital Check, a ChoicePoint Company. The family lives in Doraville, Georgia.



Mary Poteet Fernandez '96, husband Jan and big sister, Isabel (3 years old) welcomed Evan Joseph into the family on March 19, 2007. Mary and family live in Dallas, Texas, where she continues to enjoy her work as the director of the Child Development Center at Parish Episcopal School. She loves having her children on campus as part of her job!



Jean Kasperbauer Roberts '96 and her husband Mark joyfully announce the birth of their son, Grant Sullivan, on May 24, 2007. Grant weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 21.5 inches long. Jean and Mark enjoyed taking Grant to support the Petrels when OU's basketball teams were in Memphis to take on Rhodes College. Thanks to the thoughtfulness of the Graces (parents of basketball player Tina Grace '09), Grant will cheer on the team in style as he will be sporting his new Oglethorpe outfit!



Miki (Williamson) Johnson '97 and her husband Erik welcomed twins Aaron and Annika to their family on March 4, 2007. They joined bigger brothers Alek (15) and Lukas (13).



Katie (Trucksis) Thompson '97 and her husband Trevor joyfully welcomed Evie Elizabeth Thompson on May 23, 2007. She weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 18.5 inches long. The Thompsons live in Atlanta and are all doing very well. Trevor is soon to become an Oglethorpe alumnus too, as he started the Certified Financial Planner® program in September.



Jorge Navarro '98 and **Creché Kern-Navarro '98** would like to belatedly announce the birth of their daughter Loretta. She was born April 22, 2006.



Aimee Thrasher-Hanson '98 and her husband Micah announce the birth of their first child, Georgia Lenore Hanson, on February 22, 2008. Georgia came into this world at a whopping 9 pounds, 13 ounces and 21 inches.



In July 2007, **Rebecca Bowers '99** and Joe Conners celebrated the first birthday of their twin daughters, Abigail Catherine and Grace Elizabeth. After a brief stint in Savannah, Rebecca and Joe have returned to Atlanta where Rebecca continues her work at CNN and Joe is an IT recruiter.



Amy (Myers) Flinn '00, Matthew Flinn '98 and big brother Andrew welcomed a new baby into the family. Luke Matthew Grant Flinn was born February 24, 2008. He was 8 pounds, 8 ounces and 21.5 inches long.



Brooke Roberts Bourgeois '01 and Scott Bourgeois '00 welcomed a baby boy into their family on October 6, 2007. Owen Charles Bourgeois was born at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta, weighing 5 pounds, 13.5 ounces and measuring 20 inches long.



Amy Roquemore Bahun '03 and husband Adam were blessed with a baby boy, Parker Rhett, on August 29, 2007. He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long. The Bahun family resides in Acworth, Georgia, and looks forward to raising their little man.



Christine (Radcliffe) Jarvis '01 and her husband Steve Jarvis welcomed their second

daughter, Sara Ellen Jarvis, on August 28, 2007. She was welcomed home from the hospital by her big sister Katelyn.



Anna Blackledge Breton '02 and husband **John Breton '97** welcomed Genevieve Ashlyn Breton, whose nickname is Evie, on December 27, 2007. She was 3 lbs. 13 oz. and 17 inches. Although she came two months early, she is doing very well and is now almost 10 pounds (as of March 2008). She's looking forward to being a future petrel, if her parents have anything to say about it!



Kara (Blanton) Le Febvre '03 and husband Lenny announce the birth of their son Patrick Thomas, who arrived on March 7, 2007, weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and was 19 inches long. The family resides in Madison, Alabama.



Milagros Perez Jennings '01 and Jason Jennings proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Sylvia Marisol. She was born on July 1, 2007, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where the family currently resides.



Katie Harrison Garner '03 and **Corey Garner '05** welcomed Harrison Daniel into their family on August 15, 2007. He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21 inches long. The Garners reside in Kenesaw, Georgia.



WEDDINGS



Guerrero '95
& Campbell '92



maki '98



stults '00



Leung '03
& Williams '04



Evans '02



Dunn '03
& Prall '05



Cofield '04



Whitworth '04
& McKay '06

Jennifer Guerrero '95 married **Craig Campbell '92** on May 5, 2007, in a Filipino-Scottish wedding ceremony at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Decatur, Georgia. **Yuri Tsukada Cobia '97** and **Kelly Maynes Skylare '96** attended the wedding. Jennifer works at Emory University Hospital as a nurse practitioner for the neurosurgery/interventional neuroradiology department. Craig owns a tax resolution business in Decatur. They reside in Ellenwood, Georgia, with their two dogs and two cats.

Reiko "Rachel" Maki '98 and A.J. Segel were married in Japanese-American wedding ceremonies in Japan and the United States in May 2007. Their traditional Japanese ceremony, held in Atsuta Shrine in Nagoya with traditional silk kimonos, was followed by a beautiful reception with family and friends. Their American wedding ceremony was held at the Venetian Hotel in Las Vegas several days later. They recently purchased a new house in Brookhaven and are enjoying their married life together with their two Chihuahuas.

Tina Marie Stults '00 married John Bruce Launey on November 3, 2007, in a small ceremony at Blue Spring Presbyterian Church in Sparta, Tennessee. The couple resides in Marietta, Georgia, with their two dogs and two cats. Tina is an elementary school media specialist in Smyrna, Georgia, and Bruce works as a paralegal in Atlanta.

Jay Evans '02 married Nick Gilbert of Lafayette, Georgia, on June 2, 2007 in Savannah, Georgia. **Erin Weller '04** was a bridesmaid, and **Amy Tennihan '04** was a soloist. **Brian Huskey '03** and **Christina Vinluan Heda '04** were also in attendance. Joy graduated with her M.D. degree from Mercer Medical School in May 2007. She will complete her residency in pediatrics at Memorial Health University Center in Savannah, where Nick is completing his residency in OB/GYN.

Kimberly Leung '03 and **Ryan Williams '04** were married October 13 at Sacred Heart Church in Atlanta. **Katie Bell '03**, **Amber DeLucenay '02**, **Eric Conner '03** and **Joseph Luke '04** served as members of the wedding party. The couple now resides in Norcross, Georgia, while Kim completes her master's degree and Ryan completes his Ph.D.

Matt Dunn '03 and **Leslie Prall '05** were married at Primrose Cottage in Roswell, Georgia, on April 28, 2007. They currently live in Brookhaven. The wedding party included **Beth Bosserman '05**, **Casey Wallace '05**, **Jeremy Gray '03**, **Jim Payne '00**, **Jimmy Ewing '02** and **Danny McGuinn '05**. Matt works for the Coca-Cola Company, and Leslie is the public relations manager at Marist School.

Katie Cofield '04 married Matthew James on October 6, 2007, in Suwanee, Georgia. **Dan Giordano '02**, **Jessica DeMaria Giordano '02**, **Abby Kurland '06** and **Kristy Evans '06** were in attendance. Katie and Matt reside in Alpharetta, Georgia, with their dog Jackson.

Heather Orth '04 and Chad Castle were married August 6, 2005, in Roswell, Georgia.

Aaron Whitworth '04 and **Meredith McKay '06** were married March 25, 2006, in New Hope, Pennsylvania. They purchased a house barely a mile from Oglethorpe University in Chamblee.

ALUMNI UPDATES



Turner Seydel '86
& White, Jr. '88



Duncan '90



Brown '99



Martin '01



Callaway '07

Albert Sheppard '58 retired from university life after working at Georgia Tech, George Mason and Florida Southern. He is now golfing and traveling a lot. He'd love to hear from some of his classmates from the 1950s and early 1960s. See his ePetrel profile on www.alumni.oglethorpe.edu.

Nancy Calhoun '60 and her husband Ed have recently retired. Nancy worked at The Walker School for 35 years. She was the founding principal of Walker's Middle School, and she directed the middle school for the past 23 years. Ed retired from the Georgia Governor's Office of Consumer Affairs.

Randall N. Lee '72 announced his retirement from the DeKalb County School System effective July 1, 2007. Randall began his employment with DeKalb County Schools after graduation in 1972. He served as a teacher/coach, high school principal, and central office administrator in his 35 years. He received his master's and specialist degrees from Georgia State University. He was elected to Oglethorpe's Athletic Hall of Fame for basketball in 2000. In 2006, he received Oglethorpe's School Bell Award for outstanding contributions as an educator. Randall is currently working with the Georgia Department of Education as a program specialist.

Ellen Heckler O'Herlihy '82 and her family moved to Dardenne Prairie, Missouri, after her husband Mike accepted a position as a review appraiser at Citi. Her daughter Kiernan is both excited and apprehensive about her new fourth grade class, but Ellen knows that she will be fine once she adjusts.

Jahnnny Cubert White, Jr. '88 attended a VIP event for the Jules Verne Adventure Film Festival honoring Ted Turner who received the Jules Verne Nature Award. At a private reception before the event, he spoke with **Laura Turner Seydel '86**. The Turners run the Captain Planet Foundation, an organization helping kids help the environment, so Captain Planet was there.

Lisa Duncan '90, aka Archen, has opened her own private art studio in Marietta, located in the Artist's Resource Center. She does original art, as well as portraits, landscapes and abstracts. Visit www.art-byarchen.com.

Chris Ballar '93 announces the opening of the Christopher A. Ballar, PC, law firm in Buford, Georgia. His practice concentrates in the areas of wills, trusts, estates, probate, guardianship, special needs and elder law issues.

Chris McDuffie '94 is currently in his last year of supervision for the LPC (Licensed Professional Counselor) credential. Chris was promoted to assistant director of the foster care agency he has worked at for five years. He also does mental health assessments in local emergency rooms for Peachford Behavioral Health.

Derek Hambrick '97 is freelance writing, editing and proofreading for companies such as JWT and BBDO Atlanta. This was spurred by his earning another degree from OU, this time in Communications and Rhetoric Studies. His writing can be found online at www.townloafer.com, which posts the Cumming, Georgia, magazine of the same name. Derek serves as writer and associate editor. Derek shares his experiences simplifying his life in the book *Get Satisfied: How Twenty People Like You Found the Satisfaction of Enough*.

Randy Raberson '97 joined the staff of the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland as a Development Officer in December 2007. The Smith School is an internationally recognized leader in management education and research. One of 14 colleges and schools at the University of Maryland, College Park, the Smith School offers undergraduate, full-time and part-time MBA, executive MBA, executive MS, PhD and executive education programs, as well as outreach services to the corporate community. The school offers its degree, custom and certification programs in learning locations on three continents — North America, Europe and Asia.

Allison M. McDonald '98 announces the opening of the Law Office of Allison M. McDonald, PC, Decatur, Georgia.

Dan Brown '99 completed his Doctor of Medicine at the University of Miami this spring and is now doing an internship in New York City. Next year he will return to the beautiful environs of Georgia, which he's missed so much, to complete his residency in radiology. He'll be just down the road in Savannah.

Amanda Regnier '99 received her Ph.D. in anthropology with a specialization in archaeology from the University of Alabama in December 2006. She began a faculty appointment in the Oklahoma Archaeological Survey at the University of Oklahoma in July 2007.

Christopher Jackson '01 recently began a job with the healthcare section of Sidley Austin in Washington, D.C.

Kevin Martin '01 and **Heather Martin '01** recently relocated to Mt. Juliet, Tennessee, where Kevin has accepted a call as pastor of Celebration Lutheran Church. He was ordained by the ELCA in August after completing his master's of divinity at Southern Lutheran Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina. The whole family is enjoying the Nashville area and looking forward to this new step.

Christopher Scott '01 was a Smithsonian pre-doctoral fellow at the National Museum of American History from August 2007 through January 2008. He is currently ABD in the doctoral program in history at the University of South Carolina.

Daniel Sobczak '01 recently left Gwinnett County Schools to teach social studies (economics and history) at Southwest DeKalb High School in Decatur.

Jesse De Maria Giordano '02 is now working as the young adult (teen) librarian for the Roswell Regional Public Library.

IN MEMORIAM

Kristi Dash '03 graduated from the University of Florida Levin College of Law in May 2007 and was admitted as a member of the State Bar of Georgia in November 2007. She is an associate at Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough in Atlanta and practices in the areas of commercial real estate finance and historic preservation. She was recently appointed to the Board of Directors for The Callanwolde Foundation, which operates The Callanwolde Estate. Kristi is also a Braves columnist for MVN.com, an online sports network.

Jillian Martin '05 is in graduate school at the University of Georgia, earning an M.Ed. in college student affairs administration. She is loving it thus far, and says she's using many of the skills she learned as an undergrad at OU to work at UGA. She has an assistantship in the Multicultural Service and Programs office where she co-advises two student groups and helps with event implementation and programming. She is looking for a summer or fall internship in higher education or student affairs. Jill plans to graduate in May 2009.

Lindsey Dyan Callaway '07 is working with an OCAP (Occupational and Community Assistance Program) in Taldykorgan, Kazakhstan. She works with the Taldykorgan local branch of The Red Crescent Society, and her counterpart is an HIV/AIDS program coordinator, so most of her projects revolve around that and developing, training and managing the volunteer program. She is also helping start a women's organization SBAS (Successful in Business, Active in Society) by writing proposals. Three times a week, she leads or co-leads English clubs all over the city. Even though she is also studying Kazakh, Russian, Italian and a little Spanish, she does find time to relax and hang out with friends, go ice skating, go to dance class and catch up on Core books, Newsweek and novels. Lindsey left in August 2007 and will return in November 2009.



Mary Frances Jackson '35
on June 26, 2007

Ivan Miles '36
on November 21, 2007

Edgar C. Bundy III '38
on February 10, 2008

Hugh Clement '38
on April 21, 2007

Lloyd E. Stein '39
on May 12, 2007

Frederick Thranhardt '39
on November 18, 2007

Macley J. Salfisberg '39
on November 11, 2007

Margaret Dolvin '40
on January 2, 2008

Hugh A. Lloyd '40
on February 18, 2008

Jane Mae Millwood Burkhardt '40
on October 31, 2007

Jack L. Russell '40
died November 20, 2007

Marcus H. Wilson '41
on September 16, 2007

Doris Johnston '42
on August 26, 2007

Jewel Gentry '43
on January 1, 2006

Phyllis O. Smith '47
on April 21, 1999

Howard Ward '47
on August 16, 2006

Robert Devaney '50
on November 27, 2007

Mitchell Bishop, Jr. '50
on November 8, 2007

Doris Bergman Solomon '50
on July 18, 2007

Robert Warren Carson '52
on March 11, 2008

Helen Key Franklin '52
on March 15, 2002

Connie Nesbit Jones '54
on April 2, 2006

Joe T. Green '59
on February 24, 2008

Mary Pool Greig '59
on March 2, 2008

Dorothy Stith '60
on October 29, 2007

Roberta Salvo '62
November 19, 2007

Mary Ann Rogers Hammaker '63
on August 16, 2007

Ethel Erin Batchelor '66
on January 20, 2008

Lois Chastain '66
on January 6, 2008

Robert H. Conley '72
on October 19, 2007

Abby Eugene Hesdorffer '75
on January 28, 2005

Richard J. Blum '75
on December 25, 2007

Daniel Lee Grandy '78
on December 17, 2007

Vanessa D. Griffin '81
on November 25, 2005

Daniel A. Hunt '92
on March of 2005

Suzanne Berry '94
on April 13, 2007

Deborah Williams '04
on December 23, 2007

OGLETHORPE HONORS LAUREN ASHLEY BURK

Oglethorpe has established the Lauren Ashley Burk Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of Lauren, who was murdered at the age of 18 while a freshman at Auburn University. Lauren's parents, Jim Burk '83 and Viviane Guerehon, met while attending Oglethorpe programs in the early 1980s. The endowed scholarship was made possible through the generosity of family friends, Jim's colleagues at Morgan Stanley and community members who wished to show their concern for the Burk family. Burk is a member of the President's Advisory Council. The scholarship will be awarded annually to an Oglethorpe student studying art. "Lauren Burk was the light in the lives of many. Oglethorpe University is extremely honored to have been chosen to be part of her legacy. Through this scholarship Lauren will continue to have a lasting impact on the lives of others," said Oglethorpe President Lawrence M. Schall.

ALUMNI ACROSS AMERICA



Vicky Weiss and Alan White '75

Washington D.C. Alumni Reception

On November 14, 2007, 15 students led by Professors Cassandra Copeland and Hetherington were treated to a special tour of the Department of Justice and the Treasury Building by **Brent Evitt '89**. The tour was followed by the annual D.C. alumni gathering hosted by **David Cooper '71** at the Army Navy Club.

Alumni in attendance included: **David O'Malie '56**, **Marcia Gruss Levinsohn '57**, **Carl Bergman '66**, **Madelyn Jackson Hamilton '72**, **Anna Smith Clark '74**, **Allan White '75**, **Brian Smith '79**, **Jack Dowd '82**, **Howard Barr '83**, **Kenny Gould '85**, **Brent Evitt '89**, **Henry Broitman '91**, **Todd Buck '92**, **Chanda Creasy '96**, **Randy Roberson '97**, **Diana Rothe Smith and Rod Smith '97**, **Susan Waage '97**, **Amanda Strainis Walker '97**, **Jennifer Furman '00**, **Ann Hsu '00**, **Darla Rook '00**, **Blake Stabler '00**, **Jonathan Turley '00**, **Harry Schroeder '01**, **Jaime Wojdowski '03**, **Jessica Griffin '06**, **Katie Jost '07** and **Ira Gonzalez '08** plus many spouses and invited guests. Vicky Weiss was the featured faculty guest.

Macy's Holiday Tour of Windows

On Saturday, December 15, 2007, members of the alumni office traveled to New York City to host a one-of-a-kind event at Macy's Herald Square. Alumni and guests were treated to a walking presentation by the famous Macy's windows designers, brunch and a fashion presentation before being turned loose in the store with discount coupons to shop.

Shown are **Chris Rath '82** and **Irani DeAraujo '81**, who reconnected at the event, having not seen each other since they were roommates in the early 1980s.



Florida Receptions 2008

Alumni receptions were held in Ft. Lauderdale and Tampa, Florida, in February 2008. Prospective students and high school guidance counselors were invited from area schools to meet and greet Oglethorpe alumni.

The Tampa event included a portrait unveiling of longtime benefactors Bill and Jane Emerson, who are Tampa area residents. The event was held at the Tampa Yacht & Country Club and was attended by many alumni and friends in the area. Provost Bill Shropshire was the featured faculty guest. Alumni in attendance included: **Dan Uffner '51**, **Helen Hogan Hill '52**, **Brenda Hamlin Gibbs '70**, **John and Mary-Phyllis Dolcimascolo Harvey '72**, **Dennis and Pam Orns Morris '75**, **Tom Hood '78**, **Shelaine Lockhart Peters '82**, **Gail Tucker '88**, **Chris Lenz '91**, **Elizabeth Watts '93**, **John Olewski '95**, **Janice McNeal '97**, **Joe Pisani '97**, **Michael '97** and **Marie Hefflin Shirley '99**, **Heather Cordeiro Degrafe '00**, **Vince Pisani '00**, **Dave Hernandez '01**, **Angie Baldwin Roda '01**, **Amber Delucenay '02**, **Sophia Causkey '05** and Bill and Jane Emerson.

The Fort Lauderdale area reception was held at the Tower Club in downtown Ft. Lauderdale. Students and alumni mingled and enjoyed a wonderful appetizer buffet. Provost Shropshire was joined at the reception by President Lawrence Schall; Peter Rooney, vice president of development and alumni relations; and **Barbara Henry '85**, director of alumni relations. Alumni in attendance included **Gerald Hollister '68**, **Anthony Melillo '70**, **Etta Lou Hanken '72**, **Greg Meyer '85**, **Hope Waldman '86**, **Michael Kelly '97**, **Brian McNulty '98**, **Christian '01** and **Melinda Vegso Blonshine '03** and spouses, guests and friends.



Bill and Jane Emerson with portrait artist Rossin.



The Melillos with Etta Lou Hanken '72.



Helen Hill '52 with Barb Henry '85

ALUMNI WEEKEND 2008 WRAP-UP



ALUMNI FROM FAR AND NEAR CELEBRATE

Alumni Weekend 2008 brought over 500 alumni to campus March 27 through 30. Dr. Brightman's Book Club and an accounting reception kicked the weekend off on Thursday night. Friday morning members of the class of 1958 gathered for breakfast in the Oglethorpe University Museum of Art hosted by President Lawrence M. Schall and his wife Betty Londergan.

At the Alumni Awards Banquet, Oglethorpe alumni and friends filled Villa Christina to celebrate the nine award winners and special guests, the 2007-08 women's basketball team. "Having the women's basketball team there while we honored the 1962-63 men's basketball team, who also went to the final four of their time, was a nice bookend at the banquet," said Barbara Bessmer Henry '85, director of alumni relations. "The alumni appreciated the opportunity to acknowledge the accomplishments of these ladies."

In addition to the 1962-63 men's basketball team, other inductees into the Athletic Hall of Fame were Steve Loureiro '98 (baseball), Ann Mason '95 (volleyball) and Ryan Vickers '96 (basketball). Ashish Thakur '99 won the Young Alumni of the Year Award; Dr. William Brightman won the School Bell Award; Carol Morgan Flammer '89 won the Spirit of Oglethorpe Award; Ray Willoch '80 won the Talmage Award; and Alpha Phi Omega received the Oglethorpe Award for Service.

Saturday's highlights included an architectural walking tour of campus with Dr. Paul Hudson '72, an opportunity for reunion class members to ring the Carillon bells, an English major reunion, a faculty appreciation reception and the second annual Stomp the Lawn Alumni-Style, featuring well-known Atlanta band Kingsized.

Counterclockwise from top: Alumni gather in the O.K. Sheffield '53 Suite for the Yamacraws' reunion. Derrick Hambrick '97 carries son Gabriel on Saturday's walking tour of campus. Dar-shun Kendrick '04, Sevon Scott, Jillian Martin '05 and Christina Vinluan Hedu '04 enjoy Stomp the Lawn Alumni Style. Ronald Barrett '73 and Mark Gross '72 share a laugh during the 1973 reunion. Ashish Thakur '99 and his wife Renuka enjoy the gardens of Villa Christina before the Alumni Awards Banquet. The newest Golden Petrels, the class of 1958, celebrate their 50th reunion in the Oglethorpe University Museum of Art.







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